

Robert P. Malone, 91



Robert P. Malone of Duxbury passed away on April 5 at the age of 91. Born in Cambridge, Massachusetts on July 24 1924, Robert was the son of the late George Malone and Catherine (Cleary) Malone. He graduated from Arlington High School and then proudly served his country as an Army Air Corps navigator in World War II. He was a prisoner of war in Romania after his aircraft was shot down during Operation Tidal Wave, the bombings of the Ploesti oil refineries.

Upon returning from the war, Robert received his BA from Tufts University and his law degree from Boston College. He went on to a celebrated career as an attorney, forming his eponymous law firm, which specialized in admiralty and maritime litigation. After a successful 30-plus year career, he retired to Duxbury and spent his days building his coveted book collection. He was a scholar on the American Frontier and the Native American Indian and his collection of unique volumes was donated to the Folger Library at the University of Maine.

Robert is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 66 years, Marjorie (O'Neill) Malone; his daughters Kathleen Malone Despagni and her husband Thomas of Cutchogue, NY; Eileen Malone Sheehan and her husband Garrett of Jupiter, FL; Paul Malone and his wife Anita of Scituate; and Hugh Malone and his wife Patricia of Groton. A proud grandfather, he is remembered with great affection by his twelve grandchildren: Matthew, Thomas, Katherine, Drew, Paige, Mary, Sarah, Molly, Elizabeth, Harry, Lilly and Jack, as well as his two great grandchildren: Emma and Khloe. He is also survived by his brother James Malone of Middleton and is predeceased by his older brother George of Arlington.

He was a faithful and devoted Catholic and was a parishioner for many years at Holy Family Parish in Duxbury. He made many retreats over the years and was also a past president of the Charitable Irish Society. He believed a man was judged by the size of his library and his dedication to his own scholarly growth was a source of great inspiration to us all. His breadth of knowledge on certain subjects and his willingness to impart them to anyone who would listen will always be remembered.

Visiting hours were held at Sullivan Funeral Home, Hanover Sunday, April 10. A funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, April 11 at Holy Family Parish, 601 Tremont St., Duxbury. Burial with military honors at Mayflower Cemetery was in Duxbury. For an online guestbook,

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